

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Civil No. 18-1776 (JRT/HB)

This Document Relates to:

**ORDER REGARDING
BRIEFING ON MOTIONS
TO DISMISS**

All Actions

The Court conducted a case management conference on October 15, 2018. During the conference, the parties discussed a proposed briefing schedule for motions to dismiss that Defendants intend to file. After conferring with Chief District Judge John R. Tunheim about the proposed schedule and word count limits,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following deadlines and limitations will govern briefing for Defendants' motions to dismiss:

BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

October 23, 2018	Defendants' moving papers and supporting documentation due
November 30, 2018	Plaintiffs' responsive memoranda and supporting documentation due
December 21, 2018	Defendants' reply memoranda and supporting documentation due

WORD COUNT LIMITS:

- Defendants may file a single joint motion to dismiss directed to all three consolidated complaints:
 - Defendants are permitted up to 27,000 words in total for their joint opening and reply briefs.
 - Plaintiffs are permitted up to 27,000 words for their single, joint response brief.
- Defendants may file a single joint motion to dismiss directed at issues unique to the two indirect-purchaser classes (which involve claims under the laws of multiple states):
 - Defendants are permitted up to 15,000 words in total for their joint opening and reply briefs.
 - Plaintiffs are permitted up to 15,000 words for their single, joint response brief.
- Some or all of the Defendants may file individual motions to dismiss making arguments specific to the individual Defendants:
 - Each moving Defendant is permitted up to 3000 words total for its opening and reply briefs.
 - Plaintiffs are permitted up to 3000 words per motion in response, which may be in the form of a joint brief in response to each such motion, or a consolidated joint brief in response to all such motions.

Defendants' counsel shall promptly contact Judge Tunheim's chambers to obtain a hearing date in early January 2019, and shall include that date in their Notice of Motion.

Dated: October 15, 2018

s/ Hildy Bowbeer
HILDY BOWBEER
United States Magistrate Judge